

The current rules under Part 135 Subpart J require review. As it stands, the current "dividing line" for many of the airworthiness and procedural requirements is "9 passengers or less" and "ten or more". As today's aircraft have evolved in terms of sophistication and performance, this division of standard may not be appropriate. It is a hard arguement to make that a Challenger 601 necessitates a higher level of safety than a Hawker 1000. Yet, the "10 or more" standard has become the starting point for additional inspection requirements, documentation, and equipment installation requirements. Currently 135.423 thru 135.443 are all additional maintenance requirements for "10 or more" that do not apply to "9 or less" aircraft.